



VISTA PROGRAM

Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSMRE) & Department of Interior (DOI) VISTA

In partnership with DOI and OSMRE, the Conservation Legacy VISTA Program places AmeriCorps VISTAs (Volunteers In Service To America) in impoverished communities for a year of service centered on the connection between environmental stewardship, economic opportunity, civic engagement, and the development of healthy futures. OSMRE and DOI/VISTAs build the capacity of community groups that are addressing the long-term systemic issues that generate poverty locally. VISTAs build sustainable solutions to help impoverished and disadvantaged communities break the cycle of poverty, addressing issues such as environmental degradation, lack of employment opportunities, and low access to healthy food systems.

The OSMRE/VISTA Teams represent a partnership between the US Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement and AmeriCorps VISTA. The Team places full-time college-educated volunteers with organizations dedicated to addressing environmental and economic impacts in communities affected by preregulatory mining. The OSMRE/VISTA Team is made up of the Appalachian Coal Country Team which operates in Appalachia, and the Western Hardrock Watershed Team in CO and NM. The OSMRE/VISTA Team engages impoverished communities through environmental stewardship and community revitalization projects. OSMRE/VISTAs write grants, mobilize volunteers, develop outreach and education plans, and strive to create sustainability in their communities.



The DOI/VISTA Team represents a partnership between the US Department of the Interior and AmeriCorps VISTA that places national service volunteers with public land management agencies to serve impoverished communities and people throughout the United States and its territories. Engaging underserved populations, particularly youth, in outdoor educational experiences on public lands, the DOI/VISTA Team fosters economic opportunities in conservation and land-management fields, STEM education through environmental science awareness, and healthy futures through nutritional education, the promotion of healthy active lifestyles, and the development of sustainable food systems.



The TCU/VISTA Team represents a partnership between the Bureau of Indian Affairs, US Department of Agriculture, and AmeriCorps VISTA that places national service volunteers for a year of service in tribal communities across the country. Utilizing USDA Land Grant College and University resources, TCU/VISTAs foster economic opportunity through sustainable food systems development, job-training and internship opportunities, and environmental stewardship in tribal communities.

Interested Candidates should apply to the program through the AmeriCorps portal at: my.americorps.gov search for “OSMRE”, “DOI”, or “TCU” to find our site listings.